



THE BEAT

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2008 Halloween Edition

MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS

[EFFORTS TO REAUTHORIZE THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT IN THIS 110TH CONGRESS ARE SHUT DOWN](#)

National Indian Health Board

During this past week, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) worked tirelessly to have the House take up H.R. 1328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). The NIHB pursued several legislative strategies but at the 11th hour our efforts were shut down because Congress could not find funding to pay for the bill.

[INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE - BILLINGS AREA SERVING MONTANA & WYOMING](#)

The Billings Area Indian Health Service (IHS) provides a comprehensive health services delivery system to more than 70,000 American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people in the states of Montana and Wyoming. There are six IHS service units, two Self-Governance service units, five urban programs and an administrative office in Billings, Montana.

[\\$74 MILLION AWARDED TO TRIBAL PROGRAMS PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH, PREVENTING AND TREATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND SUPPORTING RECOVERY](#)

SAMHSA Press Release

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded grants in fiscal year 2008 that are projected to provide more than \$74 million in grants to federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations serving the mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment needs of American Indian and Alaska Native populations. Continuation awards will be subject to the availability of funds and progress achieved by the grantees.

[MONTANA AUTHORS TO MAKE TOUR STOP AT BCC ON OCT. 30](#)

Glacier Reporter

Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith will be in Montana during the next month to celebrate the publication of Full Court Quest - The Girls from Fort Shaw Indian School Basketball Champions of the World. The authors initiated the tour in order to recognize the communities and the people who have helped them tell the girls' story.

[TRIBE, BIA AND ANSCHUTZ BEGIN OIL EXPLORATION NEAR EAST GLACIER PARK](#)

Glacier Reporter

"The area we're exploring," said Ron Crossguns of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Oil and Gas Division, "is roughly here." Crossguns used a laser pointer to indicate an area on a map of subsurface ownership - mineral rights - on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.



[STUDENTS, STAFF, TRIBAL COUNCIL TURN OUT FOR RED RIBBON IN BROWNING](#)

Great Falls Tribune

BROWNING — Students and supporters of Browning Public School proudly wore red Monday, but they weren't cheering on the high school's Browning Indian's teams.

[TRIBES PUBLISH OWN STORIES AS PART OF HISTORY PROJECT](#)

Missoulian

Native people have a rich tradition of Storytelling, but those stories historically have been written or published by people outside the tribes - until lately.

[WRECK INJURES CROW CHAIRMAN](#)

Billings Gazette

Crow Tribal Chairman Carl Venne was hospitalized Saturday after his truck rolled on Highway 47.

[TRIBES TO TAKE OVER REGULATION OF CERTAIN WELLS](#)

Billings Gazette

HELENA - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation will become the nation's first to take the place of the federal government in regulating a type of well associated with oil production.

[N. CHEYENNE TRIBE TO VOTE SATURDAY](#)

Billings Gazette

Members of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe will vote Saturday for the offices of president, vice president, tribal court judge and tribal council.

[TRIBE TO CELEBRATE HISTORIC SITES](#)

Billings Gazette

The Northern Cheyenne plan to celebrate the recent designation of two historic battlefields as national historic landmarks at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Allen Rowland Gymnasium in Lame Deer.

[HIGHWAY 93 NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION PROJECT IN CRUISE CONTROL](#)

Char-Koosta News

Things are certainly changing along the U.S. Highway 93 corridor on the Flathead Indian Reservation. It is hard to not notice the differences between the old Highway 93 and the recently completed sections of the reconstruction project. There is new, wide blacktop with passing lanes, ample emergency lanes, new striping and signage - the whole 10 yards on the new undulating highway.

[ABSALOKA MINE SOUTH EXTENSION APPROVED](#)

Big Horn County News

The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, last week issued a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) approving proposed development of the Absaloka Mine Crow Reservation South Extension.

[INDIAN LAW OFFICERS GET ADVICE](#)

Regional BIA summit looks at corrections, law enforcement - Billings Gazette

Indian Country law enforcement can be most proactive by working with people - and that doesn't just mean arresting criminals, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' top law enforcement official said Tuesday.

**MONTANA CAPITAL INVESTMENT BOARD
LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE AND NEWS OF
PENDING RFP FOR A FUND MANAGER**

The purpose of the Montana Capital Investment Act is to benefit the State of Montana by attracting out-of-state venture investment funds interested in providing equity capital and near-equity capital to Montana businesses, to nourish a private seed and venture capital industry in Montana and to encourage lead local investors, all to strengthen the State's economy and build a significant, permanent capital resource to serve the needs of Montana businesses.

The Community Development Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is pleased to announce the release of the report, **"The Enduring Challenge of Concentrated Poverty in America: Case Studies from Communities Across the U.S."**

It is available on-line at
<http://www.frbsf.org/community/>.

The challenges facing high poverty communities around the nation are the focus of a recently released Brookings Institution/Federal Reserve System report: "The Enduring Challenge of Concentrated Poverty in America: Case Studies from Communities Across the U.S." Each of the 12 Reserve Banks examined a high poverty area in its District; The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco contributed to this report with a case study on West Fresno, one of the neighborhoods that contributed to Fresno's 2005 ranking as the city with the highest rate of concentrated poverty in the nation. The case study uses US Census data and interviews with community stakeholders to explore the factors contributing to the high level of poverty in the neighborhood and the difficulties it poses for the families who live there. It also points to the momentum that has been generated in Fresno to address community and economic development issues.

The report's findings will contribute to the Federal Reserve's understanding of low-income communities and their needs in carrying out ongoing community development partnerships, and will inform other efforts to foster comprehensive solutions to community and economic development challenges. These include lowering the barriers to developing quality affordable housing and community facilities such as schools and health care centers, helping to support small businesses, building the capacity of community-serving organizations, and improving access to tools that build financial stability.

EMPLOYMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE GREAT FALLS CLINIC!

Great Falls Clinic (Main Facility)
Transcriptionists
Application Analyst

Great Falls Clinic Surgery Center
Certified Nurse Assistant
Surgical Technician

Clinic Cancer Care – Specialty Bldg. (Great Falls)
Ultrasound Technologist

Central Montana Hospital (Great Falls)
Hospital Receptionist
Surgical Technician
Radiology Technologist

Helena Physicians' Clinic
Medical Scheduler
Registry; Ophthalmology Technician

Mercury Street Medical Group & Focus
MedCare (Butte)
RNs – Part time & Full time
Clinical Nurse Supervisor
Certified Nurse Assistant
Registry; RNs, LPNs, CMAs, CNAs

Bozeman Surgical Arts
Registered Nurse

**Candidates may access the web site @
www.gfclinic.com for position details and to
apply online. EOE**

*If you have any questions please call any one of
the Human Resource representatives:*

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Accountant Position #54121042 | Band: 6 |
Helena | Open until filled.**

Do you enjoy continuous learning, training and applying high level accounting policies and procedures? MDT is seeking a PROGRAM ACCOUNTANT to join their Controls Team. The incumbent will have a firm understanding of the multiple financial systems used by the department, nature of the information contained, an understanding of the translation between the departmental financial systems, and how that information is recorded on the state's accounting system (SABHRS).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**CONTRACT MANAGER (ADMINISTRATIVE
SPECIALIST)**

Tenant Based Section 8
Closes: 11/20/2008



UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITIONS

The School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, Missoula.

The primary responsibility for two faculty line(s) is to lead a research initiative within their area of expertise and seek appropriate extramural funding.

Additional responsibilities include teaching and service commensurate with overall assignment. The primary responsibility for the remaining faculty line(s) is instruction, with expectations in service and scholarly activity commensurate with overall assignment.

Projected needs in teaching include: pediatrics, anatomy, kinesiology, aspects of orthopedics and neurorehabilitation, physical agents and general skills. Review of applications will begin November 30, 2008 and will continue until filled. For more information, qualifications, and application instructions visit
<http://www.umt.edu/jobs/employment2.html#professional>.

EVENTS & TRAINING

NEWS FROM THE MONTANA LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

For immediate release

Date: Oct. 29, 2008
Contact: Jim Gordon, LAWS Webmaster
406-444-2493
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Information Officer, 406-444-2957

Learn to Monitor 2009 Legislative Session Online

The Montana Legislative Services Division is offering the public three opportunities to learn how to use a free online service to monitor the activities of the 2009 Legislature.

Legislative staff will demonstrate the Legislative Automated Workflow System, or LAWS, in Room 102 of the State Capitol in Helena at the following times:

- * Nov. 19: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- * Nov. 19: 1 to 3 p.m.
- * Dec. 4: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The demonstrations are free, and no pre-registration is required.

LAWS provides online access to legislative information before, during, and after sessions. With it, Montanans can find:

- * Complete text of legislative bills
- * Up-to-date status of bills
- * Committee hearing schedules
- * Agendas for committee hearings and floor sessions
- * House and Senate votes on bills

You can find the LAWS website for the 2009 session at <http://leg.mt.gov/laws.htm>

The 61st regular session of the Legislature will begin at noon **Monday, January 5, 2009.**

CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MONTANA - November 14 & 15, Helena

Montana, as many of you know, has the dubious distinction of having the highest Suicide Rate in the United States-double the national average!

The NASW Montana Chapter is inviting you to the first statewide conference on Suicide Prevention in nearly a decade, and why we have entitled this conference, "Striving for Last Place: Preventing Suicide by Instilling Hope."

"INVITATION" PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tentative Date: January 14, 2009
Where: 1956 Mt. Majo Street
Fort Harrison MT
Time: 9:00 A.M.

In light of the devastation a disaster causes to the people and communities we serve, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is planning a disaster preparedness session in partnership with Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in an effort to better communicate with one another and build a comprehensive housing and resource strategy. Please be prepared to cover the resources you have available at your disposal. Topics to be covered;

Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)
• Roles and responsibilities
Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)

- Communication protocol
- Mutual training & exercise opportunities
- Housing Task Force

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- HUD goals & resources
- Training HUD customers

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD)

- RD Housing Resources
- Grants and Loans

Housing Authority & TDHE Roundtable

For more information, contact:

*Lyle Konkol, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Field Policy & Management, 7 West, 6th Avenue
Helena, Montana 59626
Phone: (406) 447-1487*

CONCEPT TO CONSUMER: DEVELOPING YOUR FOOD PRODUCT FOR MARKET

Are you interested in developing a food product for the market? Then this **FREE** workshop is for you! Please join us in Great Falls or Havre for this informational training on developing a food business.

Great Falls, November 6, 2008

Great falls area Chamber Video Conference Rm
9-3 pm (lunch on your own)

Havre, November 7, 2008

MSU-Northern Brockmann Center
9-3 pm (lunch on your own)

*Sponsored by Bio Product Innovation Center
Program & Lake County Community Dev. Corp.*

CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

www.capitolchristmastree2008.org

THIS IS A CALL FOR NATIVE-MADE ORNAMENTS!

Ornaments can be made for the Capitol Tree, the other 60+ trees being placed in federal buildings, and the one going to the (Smithsonian) Museum of the American Indian. The Capitol Tree will be outdoors. The other trees will be indoors. The criteria (size, etc.) for making indoor and outdoor ornaments can be found on the above web site under the "Ornaments" menu button. The ornaments for the American Indian museum must be Native-made.

There are two ways to get the ornaments to the Forest Service.

1) Ship the ornaments to arrive in Hamilton by November 3.

**Bitterroot National Forest
1800 N. 1st
Hamilton, MT 59840
ATTN: Capitol Christmas Tree**

If ornaments are for the tree being placed in the Museum of the American Indian, the label should be clearly marked:

**Bitterroot National Forest
1800 N. 1st
Hamilton, MT 59840
ATTN: Capitol Christmas Tree
Museum of the American Indian**

-- OR --

2) Present the ornaments to drivers along the route.

For route details, visit
www.capitolchristmastree2008.org or contact
Forest Service special events coordinator:

Marilyn Wildey
(406) 363-7101
mwildey@fs.fed.us

TRIBUTE TO INDIAN WOMEN PLANNED Billings Gazette

The High Plains Women's Museum will sponsor the High Plains Native Women's tribute from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Valley Federal Credit Union Building at 207 N. Broadway to usher in Native American Month. Activities will include dancing, fashion show, bead, craft, and art vendors, stories of the High Plains Indian women, a junior princess contest and tours of the museum.

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

2009 YOUTHBUILD GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Labor is now accepting applications for the FY2009 YouthBuild Grants, which provide vocational training for at-risk youth and young adults ages 16-24. Participants will work on building and reconstructing affordable housing. The deadline is Jan. 15, 2009.

FREE PR SERVICES FOR NONPROFITS

The public-relations firm Neotrope is donating \$25,000 worth of free promotional and marketing support to nonprofit organizations to mark its 25th year in business.

PNN Online reported Oct. 1 that the firm is now accepting applications from nonprofits that wish to receive in-kind assistance with public relations and promotion via Neotrope's Send2Press Newswire service.

CATCHING THE DREAM

Formerly known as the **Native American Scholarship Fund, Catching the Dream** (CTD) was chartered in 1986 to help provide Indian tribes, Indian communities and tribal organizations with professionally trained and educated Native Americans.

MSU – BOZEMAN EXTENTION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The primary focus of this Grant Opportunities list is on 'community-friendly' grants; i.e., those grants that organizations and special interest groups in small, underserved, struggling rural communities have a reasonable chance of competing for on a level playing field.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES – WE THE PEOPLE INITIATIVE

As part of the *We the People* initiative, NEH seeks proposals for public programs that use one or more historic sites to address themes and issues central to American history. Projects may interpret a single historic site, a series of sites, whole neighborhoods, communities or towns, or larger geographical regions. The place taken as a whole must be significant to American history and the project must convey its importance to visitors.

FUNDS FOR RESEARCH ON EXERCISE AND ADDICTION

Does physical activity help prevent addiction, or help those in recovery from alcohol or other drug problems? The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) hopes to find out by funding studies of the interaction between physical activity and drug abuse.

NIDA plans to award \$4 million in grants under its R01 process to about a dozen recipients to "stimulate investigations, using animal models or human subjects, of neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms that underlie the effects of physical activity on brain function across the lifespan as well as research designed to improve the translation of existing knowledge of the effects of exercise and physical activity into strategies for the prevention and treatment of drug abuse."

Nonprofits and public agencies may apply. The maximum grant amount is \$500,000.

Letters of intent are due Dec. 29; final application deadline is Jan. 28, 2009. For more information, see the full grant announcement online.

Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Adminis.
Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants
Program Announcement
Modification 2
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42848>

United States Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Developing and Enhancing Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Programs: FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43189>

Corporation for National and Community Service
AmeriCorps National Planning and Tribal Planning Grants
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43218>

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
Contextual Approaches to Prevention of Unintended Pregnancy (R01)
Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43212>

Department of the Interior
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 3
Midwest Region Challenge Cost Share Grants
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43214>

Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Community-Based Job Training Grants
Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43034>

Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources & Services Administration
Healthy Start Initiative-Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43140>